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SAN DIEGO POLICE OFFICER SERIOUSLY INJURED IN TRAFFIC COLLISION

(San Diego) The San Diego Police Department reports that one of our officers was seriously injured in a traffic collision this morning.

Officer Bruce T. Byrd, age 47, was in full police uniform riding a marked police motorcycle when the collision occurred. Byrd, a resident of San Marcos, was near the intersection of W. Borden Road and Palo Alto Court in San Marcos on his way to work when a motorist violated the officer's right of way, pulling into his path. Byrd struck the side of the other vehicle. He sustained major injuries, including a dislocated knee and compound fracture to his leg.

The San Diego Sheriff's Department is conducting the primary collision investigation; however, the San Diego Police Department is also conducting a concurrent investigation.

Officer Byrd is a 19 year veteran of the San Diego Police Department. He has been assigned to the Traffic Division since October 2001 and a Traffic Motor Officer for 3 years.

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